Social Security Scheme for Labourers

†1776. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to make a law for health facilities and social security scheme for the labours in unorganized sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO) : (a) to (c) The Government is working to enact 'Unorganised Sector Workers Bill, 2004' for the welfare of the unorganised sector workers in the country with the objective to regulate the employment and conditions of service and to provide for their safety, social security, health and welfare measures.The details of the draft Bill are at the stage of consultation with the concerned authorities.

Indo-US Indus Project

1777. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and USA, in co-operation with the ILO, has launched a US $ 40 million Indo-US Indus project very recently;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives of the project;

(c) the details of hazardous industries that are going to be covered under this project; and

(d) the details of States that are going to be covered under this project?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project is to be implemented in 20 districts of the four States of Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and in the Union Territory of Delhi. The aims and objectives of the Indus Project are to ensure elimination of child labour in identified districts through effective convergence with the Department of Education.

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